

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

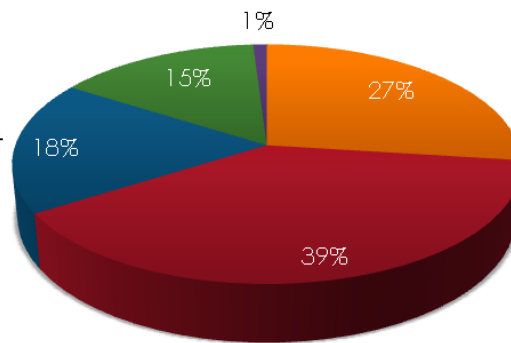
Douglas County

\$362,490,000

## TAX CUTS

684,000 Nebraskans are benefitting from the Making Work Pay tax cut, putting \$9 million per week into Nebraskans' pockets, or \$346 million last year<sup>1</sup>. The Making Work Pay tax cut put over **\$98.2 million** back into the economy of Douglas County in 2009<sup>2</sup>.

## Division of Funding in Douglas County

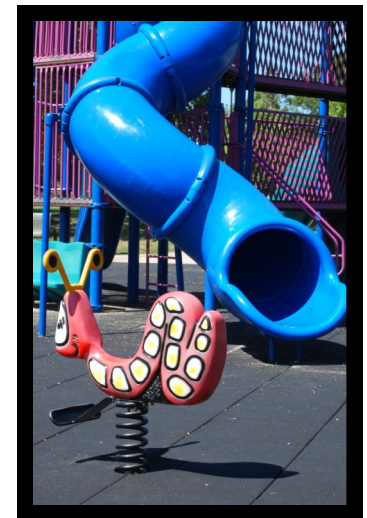


- Making Work Pay tax cut
- Education
- Community Improvement
- Roads
- Loan Assistance

## EDUCATION

Douglas County's school districts were saved from making further cuts to their budgets through the use of over **\$122.3 million** in Recovery Act funds, including<sup>3</sup>:

Bennington Public Schools	\$1,273,000
Douglas County West Community Schools	\$692,000
Elkhorn Public Schools	\$4,137,000
Millard Public Schools	\$25,282,000
Omaha Public Schools	\$82,192,000
Ralston Public Schools	\$3,393,000
Westside Community Schools	\$5,309,000
Educational Service Unit #3*	\$33,000



Universities in Douglas County received over **\$20.7 million** in funds, including:

### ☆ University of Nebraska Medical Center<sup>4</sup>

- \$8,000,000 - renovate Eppley Cancer Center
- \$1,000,000 - research liver disease
- \$1,000,000 - research obesity genes
- \$7,000,000 - other research & equipment

### ☆ University of Nebraska - Omaha<sup>5</sup>

- \$378,000 - influenza research

### ☆ Creighton University<sup>6</sup>

- \$2,775,000 - research funding
- \$471,000 - faculty & staff

### ☆ Nebraska Methodist College

- \$90,000 - advanced nursing education<sup>7</sup>



## COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

Douglas County has been granted **\$64.6 million** for community development projects, including<sup>8</sup>:



### Metro Area Transit Authority

- \$9,879,000 - improvements



### Eppley Airfield

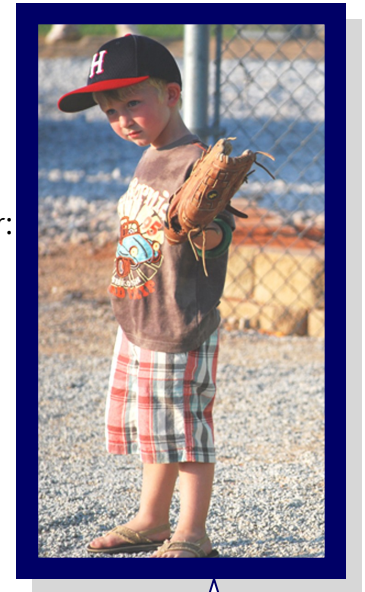
Omaha's Eppley Airfield has received more than **\$16,680,000**, including over:

- \$13,180,000 - runway resurfacing
- \$3,500,000 - explosive detection systems & X-ray scanners



### Housing

- \$5,095,000 - Omaha Housing Authority
- \$141,000 - Douglas County Housing Authority<sup>9</sup>
- \$1,494,000 - Sixteenth Street Development, LLC
- \$1,613,000 - Salem Village, LLC
- \$616,000 - Notre Dame Apartments
- \$1,006,000 - Rebuilding Lives
- \$2,037,000 - Pedcor Investments, LLC



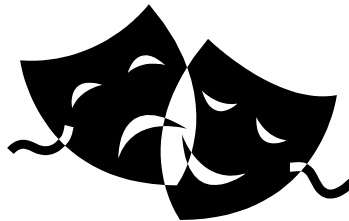
### Human Services

- \$1,219,000 - One World Health Center - capital improvements & staffing
- \$1,053,000 - Father Flannigan's Boys' Home - hearing screening
- \$381,000 - Salvation Army - Early Head Start
- \$1,015,000 - Charles Drew Health Center - hiring & equipment<sup>10</sup>
- \$34,000 - Nebraska Food Bank Network - food distribution<sup>11</sup>
- \$34,000 - Together, Inc. of Metropolitan Omaha - food distribution
- \$1,105,000 - Heartland Family Service - homelessness prevention
- \$1,966,000 - Family Housing Advisory Service - homelessness prevention
- \$159,000 - Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency - part-time employment training for seniors
- \$1,681,000 - Eastern Nebraska Community Action, Inc. - self-sufficiency training for low-income families
- \$4,898,000 - Nebraska Health Information Initiative - statewide health information exchange



### Community Arts<sup>12</sup>

- \$50,000 - Omaha Symphony Association
- \$238,000 - Nebraska Arts Council
- \$50,000 - Omaha Opera
- \$28,000 - Omaha Theatre Company
- \$29,000 - Nebraska Shakespeare Festival



### Other Community Improvement<sup>13</sup>

- \$4,013,000 - City of Omaha - police officers
- \$1,317,000 - City of Omaha - community development projects
- \$250,000 - City of Omaha - energy efficiency and conservation projects



### Energy Efficiency & Green Industry<sup>14</sup>

- \$3,944,000 - The Weatherization Trust - weatherization assistance
- \$2,079,000 - Goodwill Industries - green capacity building grants



## Clean Diesel Grants<sup>15</sup>

- \$39,000 - Omaha Public Power District
- \$39,000 - Romans Motor Freight, Inc.
- \$39,000 - Hill Brothers, Inc.
- \$39,000 - H&M Trucking
- \$31,000 - James Seaman Trucking
- \$40,000 - Nebraska Machinery Company
- \$33,000 - City of Omaha
- \$25,000 - Daub Farms, Inc.
- \$230,000 - Werner Enterprises

## ROADS

Many road projects have been made possible with the use of more than **\$53.6 million** in Recovery Act funds, including over<sup>16</sup>:



### ★ Rehabilitation

- \$16,486,000 - I-80 - Omaha
- \$13,146,000 - I-480 - Omaha
- \$7,470,000 - West Center Road - Omaha
- \$3,000,000 - city-wide resurfacing - Omaha
- \$2,592,000 - 132nd Street - Omaha
- \$1,860,000 - county-wide resurfacing - Douglas County
- \$829,000 - Old Market area - Omaha

### ★ Bridges Replacement

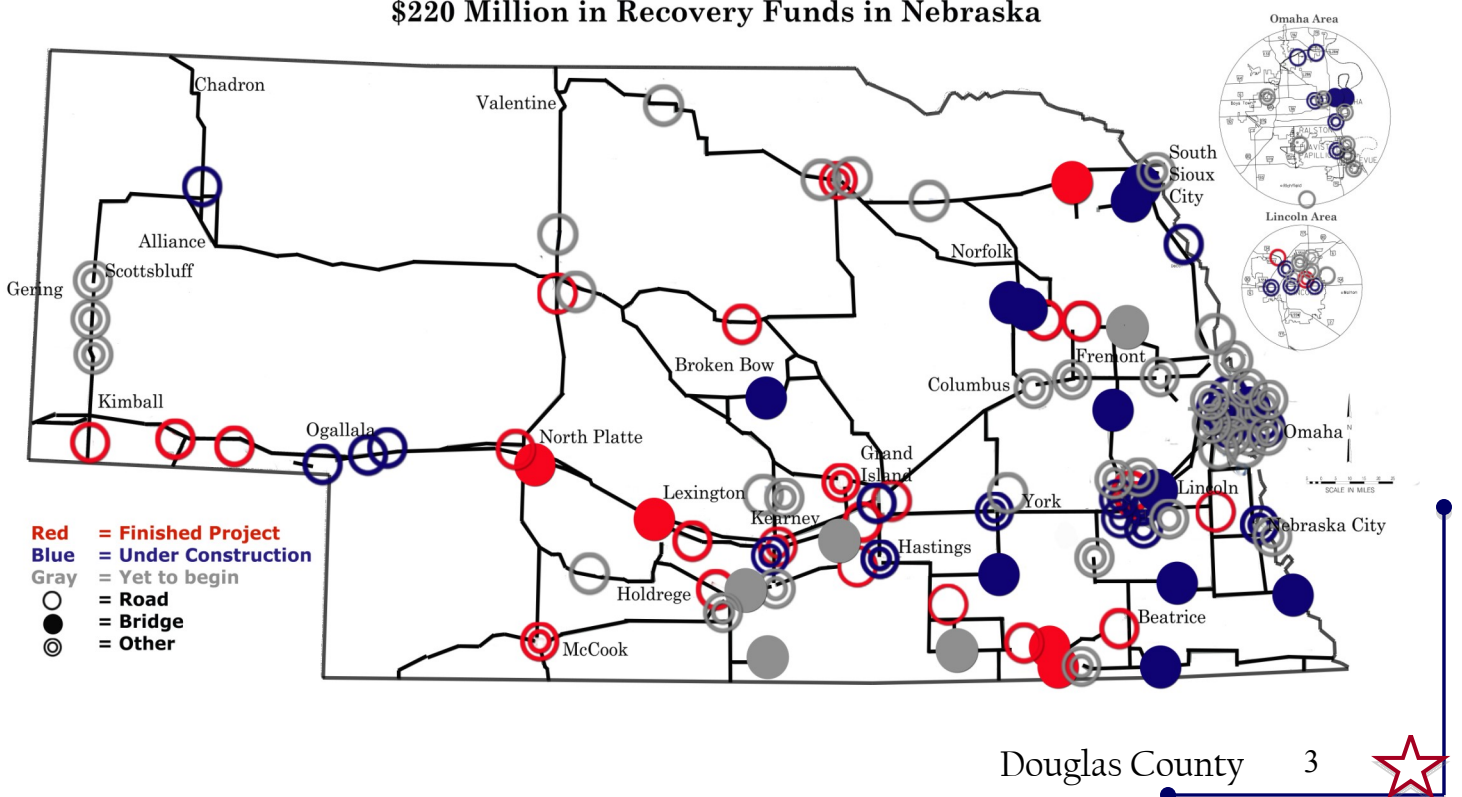
- \$3,262,000 - US-75 over Burt & Cuming Streets - Omaha
- \$1,680,000 - US-75 over 30th Street - Omaha
- \$1,600,000 - Interstate 480 over 24th Street - Omaha
- \$483,000 - Thomas Creek - Bennington
- \$414,000 - county road - Valley

### ★ Traffic Signals

- \$252,000 - 13th & 14th Streets - Omaha
- \$276,000 - 15th & 16th Streets - Omaha
- \$332,000 - 17th & 18th Streets - Omaha

## Road Map to Recovery

**\$220 Million in Recovery Funds in Nebraska**





## FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER CREDIT

More than 22,000 Nebraskans benefited from the First Time Homebuyer tax credit, returning more than **\$155.8 million** to the Nebraska economy from 2008 to 2010<sup>17</sup>.

## LOAN ASSISTANCE

Nearly **\$3.1 million** in loans were awarded to individuals in Douglas County, including<sup>18</sup>:

- \$67,000 - Agricultural Credit Insurance Direct Operating Loans & Loan Subsidies
- \$283,000 - Rural Housing Insurance Guaranteed Loans
- \$2,742,000 - Rural Business & Industry Loans & Loan Subsidies



### Summary

Tax Cuts	\$ 98,200,000
Education	\$ 143,000,000
Loan Assistance	\$3,090,000
Community Improvement	\$64,600,000
Roads	\$53,600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$362,490,000</b>

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This information is accurate as of July 21, 2010.

\* These school districts are located in multiple counties.